

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 were pending in the present application. In the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 8, 9, 11, 13 and 14 are amended, claim 15 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 26-35 are added. The foregoing amendments and new claims do not introduce any new matter. Claims 16-25 were previously withdrawn in response to a Restriction Requirement. Therefore, after entry of the foregoing amendments and the new claims, claims 1-14 and 26-35 will be pending in this application for reconsideration. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. A prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Applicants express their appreciation to the Examiner for acknowledging applicant's election of invention of Group I (claims 1-15) and considering the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on August 21, 2006.

Summary of the Office Action

In the Office Action, claim 15 was rejected under U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirements and under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for being directed to a non-statutory subject matter; claims 1-2 and 5-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(3) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 20040207604 to Chuang; claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,107,018 to Jellicoe; and claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jellicoe in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,009,599 to Pihlaja. These rejections are respectfully traversed based upon the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response to rejections of claim 15

Claim 15 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the rejections of this claim moot.

Response to rejection of claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Independent claims 1, 8, 11, 13 and 14 are amended to recite a deployable keyboard assembly “comprising a touch sensitive screen keyboard.” Support for these amendments may be found throughout the specification and particularly in paragraphs [0025], [0029] and [0044].

In contrast, neither Chuang nor Jellicoe disclose a deployable keyboard comprising “a touch sensitive screen keyboard.” Chuang teaches away from “a touch sensitive screen keyboard” by stating that the “keyboard module . . . includes a plurality of keys.” *See* Chuang, paragraph [0019]. Jellicoe also teaches away from “a touch sensitive screen keyboard” by disclosing that the “term ‘keys’, as used in the specification and claims may include keys, buttons and the like.” *See* Jellicoe, col. 9, ln. 35.

Since Chuang and Jellicoe do not disclose or suggest a deployable touch sensitive screen keyboard, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claims 1, 8, 11, 13 and 14 are allowable over the cited references. Similarly, since claims 2-7 depend from independent claim 1, claims 9 and 10 depend from independent claim 8, and claim 12 depends from independent claim 11, Applicants submit that these claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Response to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 7 depends from claim 1 which has been amended to recite a deployable keyboard assembly comprising “a touch sensitive screen keyboard.” As discussed above, Jellicoe does not

disclose or suggest a deployable keyboard assembly comprising “a touch sensitive screen keyboard.” Pihlaja does not cure this deficiency in Jellicoe because Pihlaja discloses a mobile phone device wherein a single touch sensitive *display* functions as both the keypad and the display screen. Thus, the combination of Jellicoe and Pihlaja fails to disclose the invention recited in claim 7, because that combination would yield a touch sensitive display and a deployable keyboard with hard keys. In contrast, claim 7 (depending from amended claim 1) recites a first touch sensitive display and a *second* deployable touch sensitive screen configured as a keyboard. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

New claims 26-35

New claims 26-35 recite a Hall effect sensor positioned either in the display or in the keyboard assembly. Support for these new claims may be found throughout the specification and particularly in paragraphs [0036] and [0037].

Since claims 26 and 27 depend from independent claim 1, claims 28 and 29 depend from independent claim 8, claims 30 and 31 depend from independent claim 11, claims 32 and 33 depend from independent claim 13 and claims 34 and 35 depend from independent claim 14, Applicants respectfully submit that the new claims are allowable over the cited references for at least the reasons described above with respect to the amended independent claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 26-35 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments and remarks contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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